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ZERO's FAMILIAR

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ZERO's FAMILIAR













HEED
MY
CALL...

PENTAGON
OF THE FIVE
ELEMENTS...

GLOW

AND BRING
FORTH MY
FAMILIAR!

Chapter 1: I Am a Familiar





I WISH
SOMETHING
EXCITING
WOULD
HAPPEN.

I'M SO
BORED!
EVERY DAY,
THE SAME
THING!





WHAT
IS IT?!

SO
COOL,
BUT...

IN THE
MIDDLE
OF THE
ROAD...?!

WH-
WHAT'S
THAT...



OH!

SEEMS
HARM-
LESS...

HMMM...
IT LOOKS
LIKE I CAN
GO INSIDE.

WOW!

HUH...?

OH NO, THE
ENTRANCE IS
CLOSING!!

MAN,
HOW
BORING.

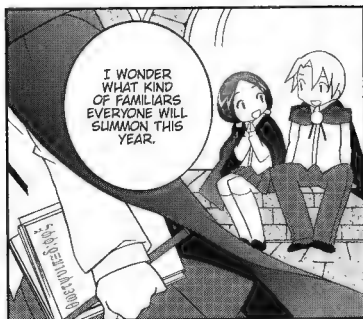
IT'S JUST
DARK AND
EMPTY.

WHAT?!

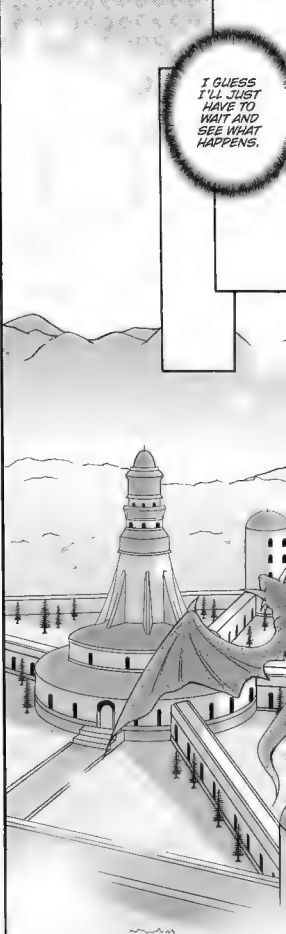
OH CRAP!

WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?

WHHH...



I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS.





OH!
WOULDN'T IT
BE **AWESOME**
IF SOMEONE
SUMMONED A
DRAGON? OR
A GRIFFIN?

I HOPE
SOMEONE
SUMMONS A
BASILISK OR
BUGBEAR.

IT'LL
PROBABLY
JUST BE
THE USUAL--
CATS, MICE,
OWLS...

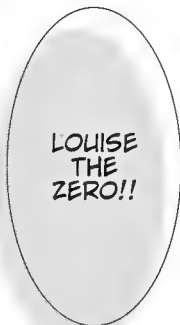
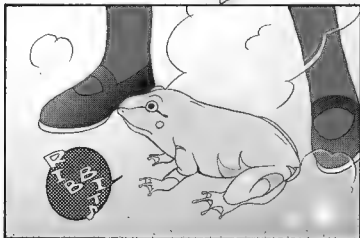


YEAH, THE
FAILURE!

I HEARD
THERE'S A
PROBLEM
STUDENT IN
THAT CLASS...

OH, I KNOW!
THAT VALLIÈRE
GIRL WITH
THE HORRIBLE
GRADES!

ZERO...!



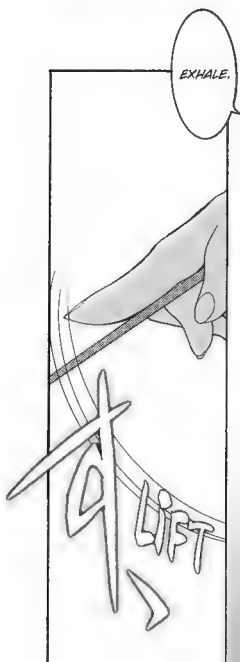
LOUISE
FRANÇOISE
LE BLANC
DE LA
VALLIÈRE.

HERE!

LOUISE...!

AND NOW,
THE FINAL
STUDENT...







PENTAGON
OF THE FIVE
ELEMENTS...

MY NAME IS
LOUISE FRANÇOISE
LE BLANC DE LA
VALLIÈRE.

HEED MY
CALL...

VOOM



AND
BRING
FORTH...

MY
FAMIL-
IAR!



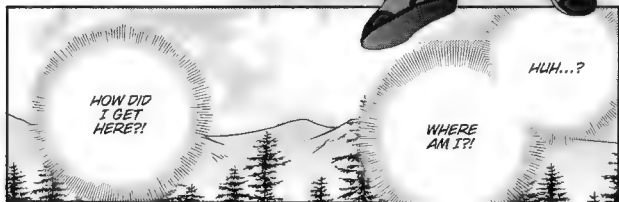
WHOOOSH

WHOA!

FLASH

OH...

OWWWW...!





WHO ARE
YOU?!



SAITO
HIRAGA.

I'M...
UHH...
I'M...



WHAT ARE
YOU **DOING**
HERE?!

I DON'T
CARE WHAT
YOUR **NAME** IS,
PEASANT!

PFFT

HOW IN THE
WORLD DID
SHE MANAGE
THAT...?

UNBELIEV-
ABLE...

"LOUISE
THE ZERO"
DOES IT
AGAIN!!

Ha
ha
ha!

SHE
SUMMONED
A PEASANT
AS HER
FAMILIAR!

LOOK!

Bwa

ha
ha
ha!

A
PEASANT!

TWITCH

SUCKER

?!

JUST A LITTLE
MISTAKE! I
MESSED UP THE
INCANTATION,
THAT'S ALL.

This is
thing...!!

THIS...
THING...
CAN'T
POSSIBLY
BE MY
FAMILIAR!

I'LL
JUST
HAVE
TO TRY
AGAIN!

I DO
NOT!

Be
quiet!

I DON'T THINK
SO. YOU ALWAYS
SCREW UP BIG
TIME.

"LITTLE
MISTAKE"?

NOO

NOO

IT CAN
ONLY BE
PERFORMED
ONCE!

THE
SUMMONING
RITUAL IS
SACRED.

EVERY-
ONE!
SILENCE!

MISS
VALLIÈRE.

YOU HAVE
NO CHOICE. HE
IS NOW YOUR
FAMILIAR.

WHAT
...?!

OH
NO...!

MR.
COLBERT?

?

SNICKER

Y-YES,
SIR.

SO...
FINISH THE
RITUAL.

SNICKER

SNICKER

GLANCE



YOU'RE
EXTREMELY
FORTUNATE.
THIS IS A ONCE
IN A LIFETIME
OPPORTUNITY
FOR A PEASANT
LIKE YOU...

GLARE

FLINCH

Ahem!
SO YOU
SHOULD BE
THANKFUL.

WHAT?!

GRANT YOUR
BLESSINGS
UPON THIS
CREATURE...

TOUCH

PENTAGON
OF THE FIVE
ELEMENTS...

HUH?



H-HEY,
GET
AWAY
FROM
ME--!

AND BIND
HIM TO
ME AS MY
FAMILIAR.

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

















UNTIL
WE
MEET
AGAIN!
♡

I WILL
INTRODUCE
MYSELF TO
HIM LATER.

Float

TURN



AM...
AM I
REALLY
SEEING
THIS?!

HOW IS
SHE...?!

SHE...

SHE
FLEW?!



SHUT UP,
OR I'LL
LEAVE YOU
BEHIND!

WAIT,
CAN'T YOU
FLY?



AREN'T
YOU
GONNA
FLY,
TOO?

WHH...

C'MON,
LET'S GO
HOME.

TURN





THE FIVE
MAGICAL
ELEMENTS
ARE
INTRICATELY
ENTWINED
WITH ALL
OF NATURE,
INCLUDING
HUMANS.

FIRE, WATER,
EARTH, WIND...
AND THE
MYTHICAL
FIFTH ELEMENT,
VOID.

WHEN
A MAGE
PERFORMS A
SUMMONING
SPELL, HIS OR
HER MAGICAL
ELEMENT IS
REVEALED.



I REALLY
DON'T GIVE
A CRAP
ABOUT ANY
OF THAT!

Um,
excuse
me!

OF
NOBLE
BIRTH.

AND THE
ONLY PEOPLE
WORTHY TO
USE MAGIC
ARE...



DON'T
BE RIDICU-
LOUS!!

AND
KEEP YOUR
PEASANT
GERMS TO
YOURSELF!!

SEND
ME HOME!
NOW!!

Hey! Cut
it out! Quit
spitting on
me!

I JUST
WANNA KNOW
HOW TO GET
BACK TO MY
WORLD!

G A A H !

POW





YOU ARE
NOT A MAN,
BUT A SIMPLE
CREATURE WHO
OBEYS ITS
MASTER'S
COMMANDS...

YOU ARE MY
FAMILIAR.

JUST
LIKE A
DOG!!

QUIT
YAPPING,
YOU
STUPID
DOG!!

WHAT--?!
ARE YOU
KIDDING
ME?!

I
WANNA
GO
HOME--
RIGHT
NOW!!

D-
DOG?!

OH, AND
MAKE SURE
TO HAVE MY
CLOTHES
CLEANED.

I'M SO
TIRED...

ZERO'S FAMILIAR

The Familiar of Zero



LOUISE

AN APPALLINGLY BAD STUDENT
MAGE AT THE TRISTAIN ACADEMY
OF MAGIC. SHE SUMMONED SAITO
AS HER FAMILIAR, AND BECAME
HIS MASTER. A REAL BEAUTY,
SHE HATES TO MESS UP, AND SHE
TREATS SAITO LIKE A SLAVE...?!

SAITO

A NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO LIKES TO SURF THE INTERNET. SUMMONED BY LOUISE, HE LOST HIS FIRST KISS TO HER. GETTING FROM HALKEGINIA BACK TO JAPAN WILL TAKE SOME TIME, AND UNTIL THEN, HE'S STUCK SERVING LOUISE.







Chapter 2: Louise the Zero







IT'S MORNING!

MISS LOUISE,
OH MIGHTY
NOBLE AND
MAGE!!

WHAT
IS IT?

HRMMM?
WHAAT?













SHE WAS
ABLE TO
SUMMON
A WIND
DRAGON.

TABITHA'S
FAMILIAR IS
EVEN BETTER,
YOU KNOW.

He's
perfect

UH
HUH. DO
YOU LIKE
HIM?

SO...YOUR
FAMILIAR IS A
SALAMANDER,
RIGHT?

AH!
THAT
BURNS!

Eeeep!

SNORT

YES, MA'AM!
COULD I HAVE
SOME TEA?

EXCUSE
ME!

WHA--?!
THAT'S MY
CHAIR!!

Yes of
course
I
SHOULDN'T
BE WASTING
TIME WITH
LOUISE.

MUMBLE
HURRY
UP OR
YOU'LL BE
LATE FOR
BREAK-
FAST...

BING
BONG
? !
? !
? !

CUDDLE
CUDDLE

HELP
ME!

HELP...

HEY!
CLAWS
OFF
YOU!!



YES,
MISTER
COLBERT?

MISS!

MISS
VALLIERE!

IT'S YOUR
FAULT FOR
CHEWING ON
THAT BREAD
SO LONG!!

OH NO,
I'M GOING
TO BE
LATE!

NO, IT'S
YOUR FAULT
FOR TAKING
YOUR SWEET
TIME DRINKING
YOUR TEA!



I'M
SORRY.
THIS
WON'T
TAKE
LONG.

UM...
I'M GOING
TO BE
LATE FOR
CLASS...!

OH...
SURE. NO
PROBLEM.

Ah,
yes
Good.

WOULD
YOU SHOW
ME THE **RUNE**
INSCRIPTION
ON YOUR
LEFT HAND
AGAIN?

IF YOU
PLEASE...



THEY'RE UNUSUAL. YOU'VE BEEN DUBBED "ZERO," BUT I BELIEVE THE FAMILIAR YOU SUMMONED...

ISN'T AN ORDINARY PEASANT.



Huh?

WHY ...?

EVER SINCE THE SUMMONING RITUAL, I'VE BEEN RESEARCHING THE RUNES ON HIS HAND, YOU SEE...



THANK YOU, SIR...

YOU SHOULD HEAR FROM ME AGAIN SOON!

I WILL LET YOU KNOW ONCE I'VE DECIPHERED THE RUNES!



BUT I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO KNOW WHAT HE FINDS OUT.

I APPRECIATE HIS HELP...

HEY, HE'S TRYING TO FIGURE IT OUT FOR YOU...

HE'S A NICE TEACHER.

HMM...

You're lucky. My PE teacher only helped his favorite students

HEY, C'MON...
ACK! I'M GOING TO BE LATE!!

AND AS
EVERYONE
KNOWS...

THE
FOUR MAJOR
ELEMENTS OF
MAGIC ARE FIRE,
WATER, EARTH,
AND WIND.

TOGETHER
WITH VOID, THE
LOST ELEMENT,
THEY MAKE UP THE
FIVE POINTS ON
THE PENTAGRAM.

NOW, EARTH
IS MOST
IMPORTANT OF
ALL. EARTH IS
THE ELEMENT
CONNECTED
TO LIFE IN ALL
ITS FORMS.

SHH! BE
QUIET
DURING
CLASS!

YES,
MA'AM!

Y-Y...

Ahem!
MISS
VALLIÈRE,
ARE YOU
LISTENING?

ALL RIGHT,
THEN PLEASE
EXPLAIN THE
BASIC MAGIC
OF THE EARTH
ELEMENT.

CAN'T
I LOOK
AT YOUR
BOOK AT
LEAST?





I DON'T MEAN
TO BRAG... BUT
I'M A TRIANGLE
MAGE!

A MAGE WHO CAN
CONTROL THREE OF
THE ELEMENTS IS A
TRIANGLE MAGE!

ONE
WHO CAN
CONTROL
ALL FOUR
ELEMENTS.

IN ORDER
TO CREATE REAL
GOLD, YOU'D
NEED TO
BE A SQUARE
MAGE...

WHICH IS
WHY I'M
ABLE TO
CREATE
BRASS.

SHE'S
TOTALLY
BRAG-
GING...

A MAGE WHO CAN
CONTROL ONLY
TWO ELEMENTS IS
A LINE MAGE!

A MAGE WHO CAN CONTROL
THE FOUR ELEMENTS--
FIRE, WATER, EARTH,
AND WIND--IS CALLED A
SQUARE MAGE!

COME
TO THE
FRONT AND
DEMON-
STRATE
FOR US.

MISS
VALLIÈRE.

SO LET'S
ALL GIVE IT
A TRY...

I THINK
ALL OF
YOU CAN
DO THAT,
CORRECT
...?

A LINE MAGE
CAN ONLY
TURN ROCKS
INTO GLASS.

PROFESSOR!
PLEASE
DON'T ASK
HER!

LOUISE
IS--

OH... MISS
ZERBST, DO YOU
THINK SHE REALLY
IS "LOUISE THE
ZERO"?

STAND
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い



MISS
VALLIERE,
DON'T BE
AFRAID OF
MISTAKES...

JUST
DO YOUR
BEST!

CAN
DO THIS
SIMPLE
SPELL,
NO?

BUT
SURELY,
EVEN A
"ZERO"...





YOU'LL
FIND OUT
SOON
ENOUGH.

OH HH...



FINE!
I HOPE YOU
DON'T HURT
YOURSELF!

HEY,
WM...

WHY DOES
EVERYONE
CALL HER
"ZERO"?



IF YOU
DON'T WANT
TO GET
HURT.

ふふふ

??

?

Ah
IF I WERE
YOU, I'D TAKE
COVER BEHIND A
DESK OR UNDER
A CHAIR. JUST
IN CASE.

1/24
GLOW





ISA

I

TO PROTECT
ME...

ENNAZ

M

AS I PERFORM
THIS SPELL.

ANSUZ

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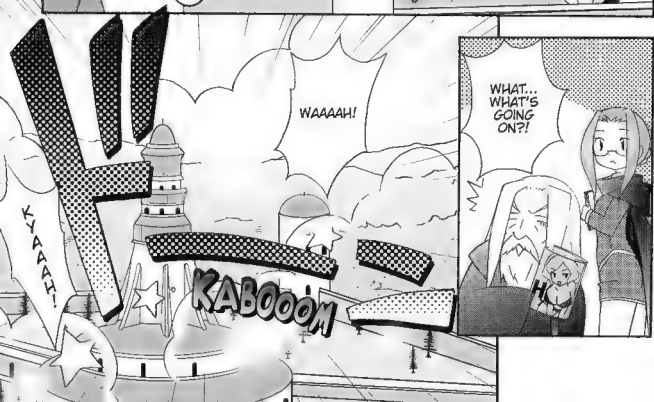
I CALL ON...

KENAZ

C

THE FIVE
ELEMENTS...











BUT IT
CAN'T
BE!!

THIS
IS IT?!

WAIT...



STILL
TOO
NOISY...



DON'T
TELL ME
HE'S...!!

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The Familiar of Zero



KIRCHE

LOUISE'S CLASSMATE, KNOWN FOR
HER VOLUPTUOUS FIGURE. SHE
ENJOYS TEASING LOUISE, AND
FALLS IN LOVE ALL THE TIME...

AND NOW, SHE HAS A THING
FOR SAITO?! HER FAMILIAR IS A
SALAMANDER NAMED FLAME.

TABITHA

LOUISE AND KIRCHE'S CLASSMATE. SHE'S A QUIET BOOKWORM WHO NEVER PUTS DOWN HER BOOKS, NOT EVEN DURING MEALS. SHE IS EXCEPTIONALLY ADEPT AT MAGIC, AND SUMMONED A WIND DRAGON, SYLPHID, AS HER FAMILIAR.





LOUISE
THE
ZERO!!

Augh...

I JUST
WANT TO
TAKE A
BATH.

HEY! NO
SLACKING!
YOU CAN
BATHE ONCE
WE'RE DONE!

Chapter 3: Legend





THE
YOUNGEST
DAUGHTER
OF THE
VALLIERE
FAMILY,
RIGHT?!

PLEASE,
DON'T TELL
ME.

005-1

THE
STU-
DENT'S
NAME
IS--

ONE OF HER
STUDENTS
WAS CASTING
A SPELL...
UNSUCCESS-
FULLY.

THE
EXPLOSION
OCCURRED
DURING MISS
CHEVREUSE'S
CLASS ON
EARTH &
ALCHEMY...



BUT
THIS
MAKES
HOW
MANY
TIMES
NOW...?

IF IT ONLY
OCCURRED
ONCE OR
TWICE,
THAT
WOULD
BE ONE
THING...

WELL, SHE IS
STILL JUST A
STU-
DENT.

A
MISTAKE
OR TWO
IS EX-
PECTED.

OH, MY
POOR OLD
BODY CAN'T
TAKE MUCH
MORE OF
THIS...

SNIFF

SNIFF

AS HEAD-
MASTER OF
THIS SCHOOL,
I MUST TAKE
FULL RESPON-
SIBILITY FOR
MY STUDENTS'
ACTIONS.

SLIDE
)))

Maybe...
I should
ask the
Vallieres
to donate
more money
to the
school!



BEING PART OF MY STAFF, IT'S YOUR JOB TO CHEER ME UP!

OH, PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT!

HEY!!



I WILL REPORT YOU TO THE PALACE...!

STOP USING YOUR SNIVELING AS AN EXCUSE TO GROPE ME!

LIMM... HEAD-MASTER OSMOND?

But you smell so nice.



YOU'D BE MARRIED BY NOW!!

DON'T BE SUCH A PRUDE!!

IF YOU RELAXED A BIT...





COLBERT, SIR!!

YES, SIR.

MISTER...
UMMM...WHAT
WAS YOUR
NAME AGAIN?

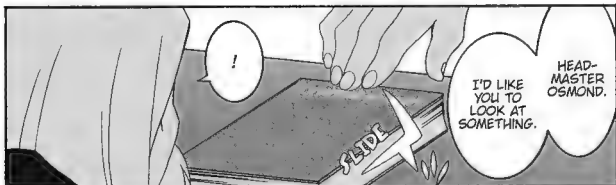
MISS
LONGUEVILLE,
PLEASE BRING
SOME TEA.

That's the
third time
I've had to
remind you
this week.



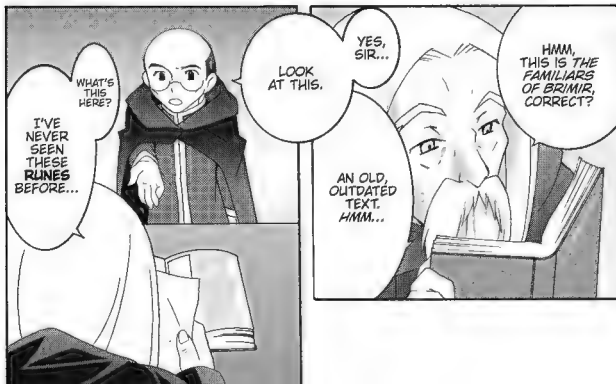
AH, YES, I
FEEL MUCH
BETTER.
WHAT CAN
I HELP YOU
WITH...

THREE



I'D LIKE
YOU TO
LOOK AT
SOMETHING.

HEAD-
MASTER
OSMOND.



WHAT'S
THIS
HERE?

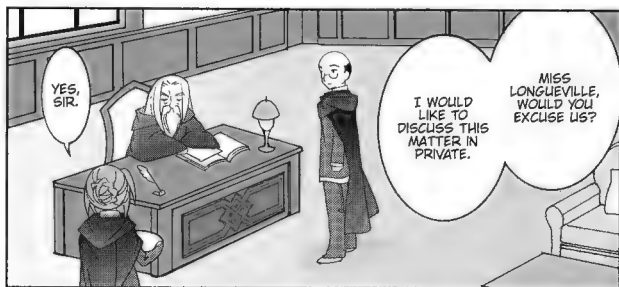
I'VE
NEVER
SEEN
THESE
RUNES
BEFORE...

LOOK
AT THIS.

YES,
SIR...

AN OLD,
OUTDATED
TEXT.
HMM...

HMM,
THIS IS THE
FAMILIARS
OF BRIMIR,
CORRECT?



JEEZ.

MAN, I'M
HUNGRY.

IF YOU,
I DUNNO,
HAD HELPED
CLEAN UP YOUR
MESS, WE
WOULDN'T HAVE
MISSED LUNCH.

BY THE
WAY...

"LOUISE
THE ZERO"?
HILARIOUS!

TWITCH

A MAGE
THAT
CAN'T DO
MAGIC-!!

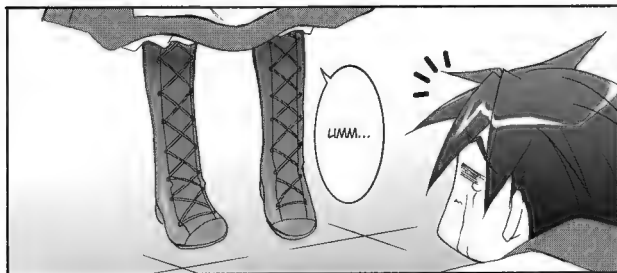
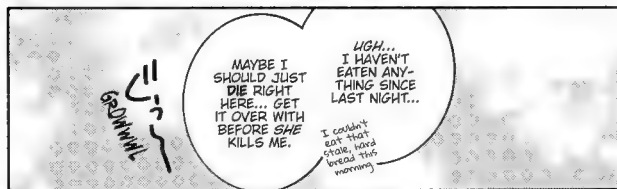
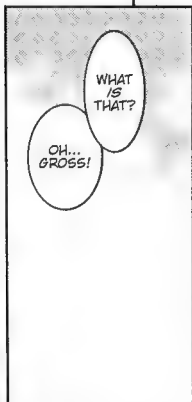
BUT
THAT'S
ALL
RIGHT!
BECAUSE
SHE'S
JUST A
GIRL-!

WHAT A
LOVELY
SONG...

HA...
HA
HA...

L-L-LOUISE
IS A HOPE-
LESS
MAGE~!♪

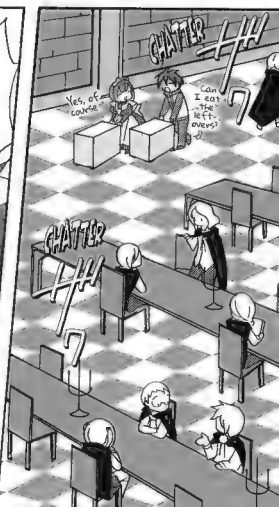


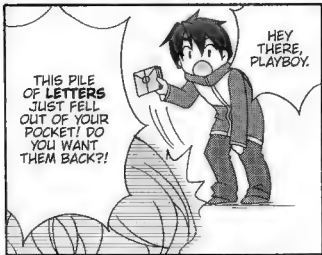


















BUT SINCE YOU WERE SUMMONED BY LOUISE THE ZERO...I CAN'T SAY I'M SURPRISED.





WE COULD
USE THE
BELL OF
SLEEP OR
SOME-
THING...?

HEAD-
MASTER,
SHOULDN'T
WE STOP
THEM?!



HRM...

IT LOOKS
LIKE THE
BOY'S GOTTEN
HIMSELF INTO
A SPOT OF
TROUBLE.

DON'T
YOU
SEE?

MISTER
COLBERT.

THERE'S A
VERY GOOD
REASON...

TO LET
THEM
FIGHT.

!!

Reluctant!

BUT,
SIR...THE
PEASANT
STANDS
NO CHANCE
AGAINST A
MAGE.

THAT SEEMS
A LITTLE
EXCESSIVE
JUST TO
STOP A FIGHT
BETWEEN
CHILDREN.



LISTEN...

IF THE
PEASANT
THAT MISS
VALLIÈRE
SUMMONED...

IS INDEED THE
LEGENDARY
GANDALFR...

THIS
ALTERCA-
TION WILL
CONFIRM IT,
CORRECT?



THIS
WILL BE
INTERESTING
TO WATCH,
DON'T YOU
THINK?

UH...
SURE?



WHY ARE
YOU SO
STUBBORN?!

STOP
IT!

NO!
FREAKING!
WAY!

I'LL
GIVE YOU
ONE LAST
CHANCE TO
APOLOGIZE!
HOW ABOUT
IT?

EVEN YOUR
MASTER IS
TRYING TO
SAVE YOU.

WELL,
WELL,
WELL...

AND THEN
HE WON'T
BE ABLE
TO BULLY
PEOPLE
ANYMORE.

AND
CLEAR MY
REPUTA-
TION...

I'LL BEAT
THIS GUY...

HUH...?



FINE. I
CHALLENGE
YOU TO A DUEL
IN THE VESTRI
COURTYARD!!

I ACCEPT!
I'M GONNA
KICK YOUR
BUTT!

BAM



IDIOT!!

TH-
THAT...

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SIESTA

A MAID WORKING AT THE TRISTAIN
ACADEMY OF MAGIC. SHE ADMIRES
SAITO FOR STANDING UP TO THE
NOBLES. DID YOU NOTICE HER
BRIEF APPEARANCE AT THE END
OF CHAPTER 1?

HEADMASTER OSMOND

HEADMASTER OF THE TRISTAIN ACADEMY OF MAGIC. HE CAN'T HELP BUT CHASE AFTER HIS SECRETARY, MISS LONGUEVILLE. OTHER THAN THAT TINY FAULT, HE IS A GOOD TEACHER, CARING FOR AND PROTECTING HIS STUDENTS.





YOU'RE
BRAVE TO
ACTUALLY
SHOW UP,
I'LL GIVE
YOU THAT.




Chapter 4: Gandálfr

DON'T
DO
THIS!

WHY
WON'T YOU
LISTEN TO
ME?!

I SAID
STOP!!



WHY
WOULD I,
WHEN I
HAVE THE
CHANCE TO
TAKE YOU
DOWN?!

HA! YOU
THOUGHT
I WOULD
RUN?!



YOU'RE
BRAVE TO
ACTUALLY
SHOW UP,
I'LL GIVE
YOU THAT.



Chapter 4: Gandalfr

WHAT A
TERRIBLE
FAMILIAR! HE
DOESN'T OBEY
HIS MASTER!

Unbeliev-
able...

HE'S NOT
LISTENING
TO HER.

UUUUH!!

CUT IT
OUT!

OH,
FOR THE
LOVE
OF--!

Too
noisy.

WHY
WON'T YOU
LISTEN TO
ME?!

I SAID
STOP!!

DON'T
DO
THIS!





WHY
WOULD I,
WHEN I
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CHANCE TO
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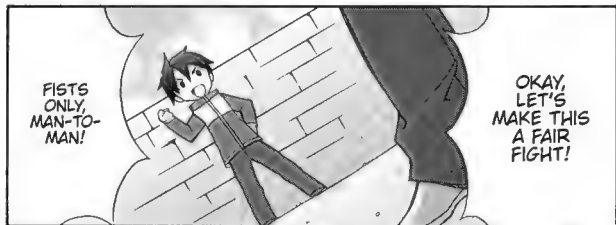
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H
!!

CUT IT
OUT!

OH,
FOR THE
LOVE
OF--!

Too
noisy







I'M A
MAGE,
AFTER
ALL!

NATURALLY,
I FIGHT WITH
MAGIC!

I CALL
FORTH...



FLASH

**RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE**

**MY BRONZE
GOLEM,
VALKYRIE!!**

**WH-
WHAT...**

**WHAT THE
HECK IS
THAT?!**



THAT'S NOT
FAIR, GUICHE!
MY PEASANT
WON'T STAND
A CHANCE
AGAINST YOUR
VALKYRIE!

SHUT
UP!

JUST
STAND
BACK AND
WATCH!

MY RUNIC
NAME IS
"GUICHE THE
BRONZE."

YOU
WILL FIGHT
MY DEAR
VALKYRIE.

DA-
DON

TURN
AROUND!

BEHIND
YOU!!

OH
NO--!

SWISH

EH?!







PLEASE,
JUST...

STOP!

POW

WHACK

S A I T T O O O O O !!

JAB

I SUPPOSE
IT WILL BE
MY HANDICAP
AGAINST A
PEASANT.

OH, VERY
WELL, I'LL
GIVE YOU A
WEAPON.

IF YOU
WISH TO
CONTINUE,
TAKE THE
SWORD.
GO ON.

HOLD
ON.

I'M
JUST...
TAKING
A LITTLE
BREAK.

I CAN STOP
THIS AT ANY
TIME, ALL IT'LL
TAKE IS AN
APOLOGY.

IS
THAT
ALL
YOU'VE
GOT?

HFF!

Drip

Drip

GASP

PANT

YEAH...

SO
WHAT?!

YOU SAID
YOU CAN'T
SEND ME BACK
TO MY WORLD...
SO I'M **STUCK**
HERE, RIGHT?

IF YOU
USE THE
SWORD,
HE'LL
ATTACK
YOU FULL
FORCE!!

DON'T!

WHAT
DOES
THAT
HAVE TO
DO WITH
ANY-
THING?!



**BUT
WHAT?!**

BUT...

**I GUESS
I DON'T
HAVE MUCH
CHOICE.**

**I DON'T CARE
IF I'M A FAMILIAR,
OR IF I SLEEP
ON THE FLOOR,
OR EAT HORRIBLE
FOOD. HECK, I'LL
EVEN WASH YOUR
UNDERWEAR...**

STAND

**WHO
LOOKS
DOWN
ON ME
BECAUSE
OF HOW
I WAS
BORN!!**

**I WON'T
GIVE
IN TO
SOME-
ONE...**

Grip

FLASH

?!

HUH...?!
WHAT'S
HAPPENING
...?

THIS
SWORD
FEELS...SO
NATURAL IN
MY HAND!

SLASH

I FEEL...
LIGHT AS A
FEATHER!!

ALL THE
PAIN IS
GONE...

SAITO,
LOOK OUT!
THERE'S
MORE OF
THEM!!

DARN
IT!!

URK!

SWING

SWING





WHOOOA!

OH MY
GOSH, HE
ACTUALLY
WON.

N-NO...

NO
WAY...

That
Pendant
was
shoved
Guh!

WEREN'T
YOU CRYING
AND CALLING
MY NAME JUST
A MINUTE
AGO?

YEAH,
RIGHT.

I KNEW MY
FAMILIAR
COULD DO
IT!!

THAT WAS
AMAZING!

AND I'M
GOING TO
PUNISH
YOU FOR
DISOBEYING
ME.

I WAS
NOT
CRYING!

OH
...?

WHAT...

THE
HECK
...?

HUH?



THAT IT
CAN DEFEAT
A **THOUSAND**
SOLDIERS WITH
A **SINGLE**
SWORD
STRIKE!

ORDINARY
MAGIC
ATTACKS
WERE SAID
TO BE
USELESS
AGAINST
HIM!!

IT IS SAID
TO HAVE
SUCH
STRENGTH
...

GANDÁLF, THE LEGENDARY
FAMILIAR OF
OUR GREAT
ANCESTOR,
BRIMIR.

IS INDEED
THE REINCAR-
NATION OF
GANDÁLF.

IT SEEMS
THAT MISS
VALLIERE'S
FAMILIAR...

WHY NOT,
SIR?!

WHICH IS WHY
WE MUST NOT
TELL ANYONE
OF THIS.

PRE-
CISELY.

GANDÁLF HAS
RETURNED!!

IT IS THE
GREATEST
DISCOVERY
OF THE
CENTURY!

!!

WILL USE
GANDÁLFR
TO START A
WAR.

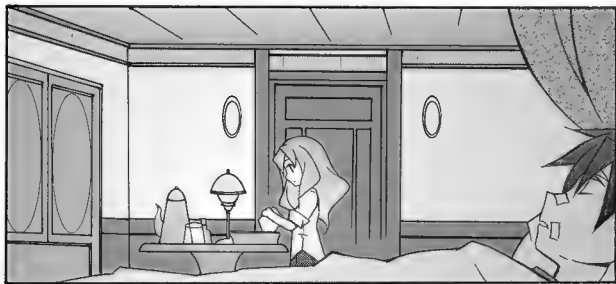
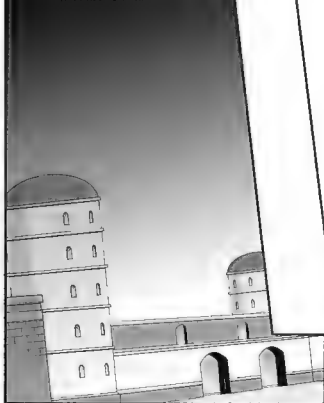
THE BORED
GENERALS,
ITCHING FOR
BATTLE...

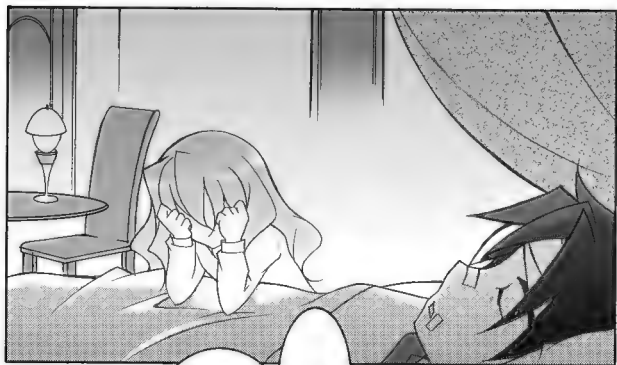
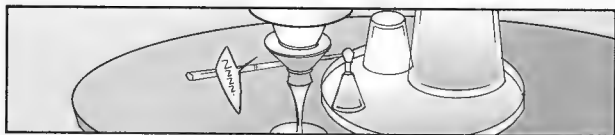
WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN IF WE
PRESENTED
GANDÁLFR AND
ITS MASTER TO
THE THRONE
NOW?

THINK
ABOUT IT
FOR A
MOMENT.









WHY AM I
SO WORRIED
ABOUT YOU?



ZERO's FAMILIAR



GLICHE

A HAPLESS PLAYBOY WHO CHASES
AFTER NOT ONLY MONTMORENCY,
BUT COUNTLESS OTHER GIRLS AS
WELL. HE CHALLENGED SAITO TO A
DUEL, BUT SUCCUMBED TO
THE STRENGTH OF GANDÁLF, AND SURRENDERED.

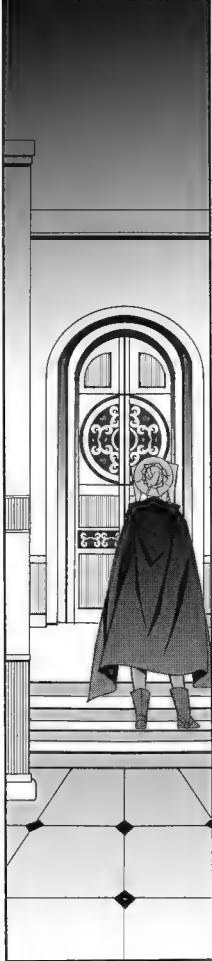
MONTMORENCY

A FEMALE MAGE WHO IS IN LOVE WITH GUICHE. IN CHAPTER 1, SHE PERFORMED HER RITUAL BEFORE LOUISE AND SUMMONED A FROG. SHE HAS BEAUTIFUL GOLDEN LOCKS AND ALWAYS WEARS A LARGE RIBBON IN HER HAIR. HER FRIENDS CALL HER MON-MON.





★ Chapter 5: Treasure Room







THAT'S
A MAJOR
UNDER-
STATEMENT.

THIS
TREASURE
ROOM...
IT'S VERY
SECURE?

IS
THAT
SO?

YES, I HAVE.
I'VE ACTUALLY
SEEN IT ONCE.
IT HAS A VERY
PECULIAR SHAPE,
DIFFICULT FOR ME
TO DESCRIBE.

BY THE
WAY, MISTER
COLBERT, HAVE
YOU EVER
HEARD OF THE
STAFF OF
DESTRUCTION?

IT WAS
BUILT TO
WITHSTAND
ALL KINDS
OF SQUARE
MAGE
ATTACKS.



WELL...

I THINK A
GOLEM COULD
BREAK IT OPEN
WITH SHEER
PHYSICAL
FORCE.

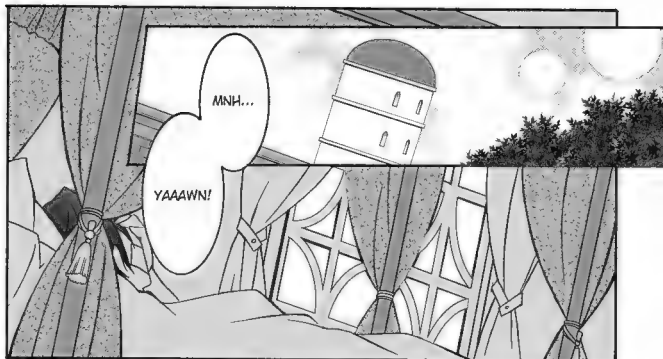
!!

BUT BETWEEN
YOU AND ME, I
MAY HAVE FOUND
A WEAK POINT!

REALLY?!

WHAT
COULD
POSSIBLY
GET AROUND
SUCH TIGHT
SECURITY?





THE
HEALING
SPELLS
COULDN'T
QUITE
FIX ALL
OF YOUR
MAJOR
INJURIES.

OH, YOU
SHOULDN'T
MOVE JUST
YET!

SIESTA...

O-
OWW!

EVERY-
ONE WAS
WORRIED
ABOUT
YOU.

WONDER-
FUL!



AND
YOU
STILL
NEED
MORE
REST.

YOU'VE
BEEN
ASLEEP
FOR THREE
DAYS.



YOU LOST
CONSCIOUSNESS
IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE
DUEL.

It was
almost
more
shocking
than your
winning.

WHAT
HAPPENED
AFTER THE
FIGHT?

Ugh...
I don't
remember
anything
after
I beat
Guiche..



MISS
VALLIÈRE
HAS STAYED
UP EVERY
NIGHT,
WATCHING
OVER YOU.

OH NO!
THAT'S
NOT IT
AT ALL.

NO,
WAIT...
LEMME
GUESS. SHE
MADE YOU
TAKE CARE OF
ME WHILE
SHE SLEPT
ALL DAY.



So, uh...

WHY'S
LOUISE
PASSED
OUT AT THE
FOOT OF
THE BED?

ZZ...



AND BOUGHT
YOU ONLY
THE BEST
MEDICINE.

SHE
CHANGED
YOUR
BANDAG-
ES...
WIPED
THE
SWEAT
FROM
YOUR
BROW...



FOR
ME...?

LOUISE
REALLY
DID
THAT...

DID SHE
ACTUALLY
TRY TO
STOP THE
FIGHT...

BECAUSE
SHE WAS
WORRIED
ABOUT
ME...?

SHE TOOK
CARE OF
ME?

LOUISE...

LOOK AT THE
DARK CIRCLES
UNDER HER
EYES.

SURE,
SHE'S SELF-
CENTERED AND
SNOBBY...

AND I
THOUGHT
HER ONLY
REDEEMING
QUALITY
WAS HER
LOOKS...

BUT
I GUESS
SHE HAS A
SOFT SIDE,
TOO...





I COULDN'T
IMAGINE
THAT A
COMMONER
COULD
DEFEAT A
NOBLE.

I WAS
SCARED TO
DEATH.



THAT DAY,
THE ONLY
THING I
COULD
THINK TO
DO...

WAS
RUN
AND
FIND
HELP.

SQUEEZE



BECAUSE
YOU
WON, MR.
SAITO!

IT WAS
FANTAS-
TIC!

BUT...

I'M NOT
SCARED
ANYMORE.



!!

Y A A A A W N ...

I CAN BE
STRONG,
TOO!!

MR. SAITO,
BECAUSE OF
YOU, I HAVE
COURAGE I
NEVER HAD
BEFORE!



SI-
SIES-
TA?!

MN...



That's a
mighty big
yawn...

STRETCH



HM?

OH!

YOU'RE
UP!

POUT...

YEP! I'M
ALIVE. I
GUESS
I HAVE
YOU TO
THANK
FOR THAT.







AND...
GIVE ME
ANOTHER
KISS?!



MAYBE
SHE'LL SAY
I WAS AWE-
SOME!♡

HEH,
THIS IS
GOING
WELL.♡



SAITO...



HERE IT
COMES!

BA-BWD

GRAB

**STUPID
PEASANT!
FAMILIAR!!
DOG!!!**

AND THEN
YOU GOT HURT
AND SLEPT
FOR THREE
DAYS, MAKING
YOUR MASTER
TAKE CARE OF
YOU!

WHAT WERE
YOU **THINKING?!
YOU FOUGHT
THE DUEL WHEN
I SPECIFICALLY
TOLD YOU NOT
TO...**



YOU THINK
YOU'RE
SPECIAL?!

YOU THINK
THINGS
HAVE
CHANGED?

SO
STUPID!

JUST
BECAUSE
YOU BEAT
GUICHE...



STARE!

LISTEN
UP.

OKAY,
FINE.

HEY! WHY'D
YOU KICK ME?
I'M INJURED,
REMEMBER...?

HMPH!

SIT

AND OBEY
MY ORDERS
WITHOUT
QUESTION!

BUT
FROM
NOW ON,
YOU MUST
ALWAYS
SAY, "YES,
MA'AM!"

MAN!

YOU'RE
SO
MEAN...

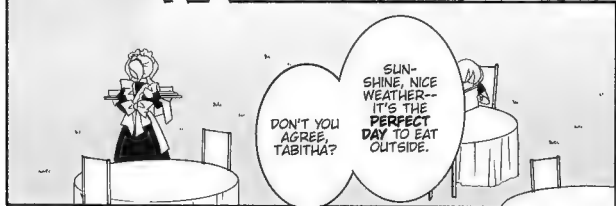
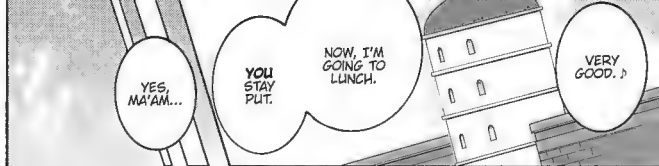
I'LL
FORGIVE
YOU THIS
TIME!

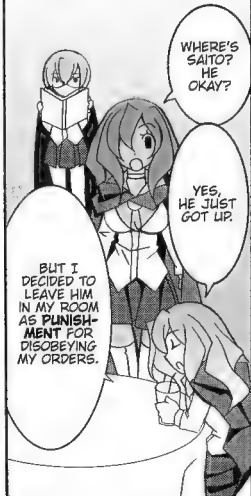
NO
WAY...

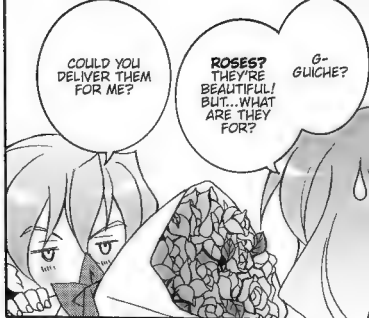
SAY,
"YES,
MA'AM,"
YOU
DOG!!

YES,
MA'AM!!

JAB















ZERO's FAMILIAR

The Familiar of Zero



COLBERT

AN INSTRUCTOR AT THE TRISTAIN ACADEMY OF MAGIC. A PASSIONATE AND CARING PROFESSOR WHO RESEARCHED THE RUINE INSCRIPTION ON SAITO'S LEFT HAND. HE FANCIES MISS LONGUEVILLE, BUT SHE IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HIS AFFECTIONS...

LONGUEVILLE

A WOMAN SERVING AS HEADMASTER OSMOND'S SECRETARY, SHE HAS A HIDDEN SIDE YET TO BE REVEALED. SHE SUDDENLY BEGINS ACTING SUSPICIOUSLY, EAVESDROPPING ON THE DIRECTOR'S CONVERSATIONS, AND TRYING TO BREAK INTO THE TREASURE ROOM...







I LOVE HIM SO MUCH IT HURTS!!

I WANT HIM SO BADLY!

JUST AS I WAS TRYING TO EXPRESS MY FEELINGS TO HIM! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?!

LOUISE TOOK SAITO TO TOWN!



OKAY.



FOLLOW THEM...

RIDE SYLPHID...

YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME?!

REALLY?!

THANK YOU, TABITHA~!

LET'S GO!!

Chapter 6: Tristain Armory





YES.
BOURDONNAIS
AVENUE IS
THE LARGEST
STREET IN
THE CITY.

SO, THIS IS
THE DOWN-
TOWN AREA
OF TRISTAIN!



THERE ARE
A LOT OF
PICKPOCKETS,
SO WATCH
YOUR WALLET!

YES,
THEY DO,
BUT DON'T
WANDER
OFF.

THEY SURE
SELL A
LOT OF
COOL
STUFF.



JUST
DON'T
GET
LOST.

Sheesh...

REALLY? I
HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT THE
SIGNS MEAN!



LOOK
AT THE
SIGNS--
THEY'RE
SO WEIRD.

A LOT OF
PEASANTS
ARE ILLITER-
ATE, SO
THEY USE
SHAPES AND
SYMBOLS.







SO YOU WILL
HAVE TO
CHOOSE ONE
FOR ME!

NOW, I DON'T
KNOW ANYTHING
ABOUT SWORDS...



Perfect

FIND
A GOOD
ONE FOR
ME!

LET ME
SEE...

LINDER-
STOOD,
MA'AM.

YES! A
NATURAL-
BORN
SLUCKER!
TIME TO
JACK UP
THE PRICE!



IT'S
PRETTY.

HOW
ABOUT THIS...
AN EXQUISITE
AND ELEGANT
RAPIER?

THANK
YOU FOR
WAITING.

WHOA!



YES! HE HAS STOLEN SEVERAL IRREPLACEABLE TREASURES FROM THE NOBILITY...

ALL THE NOBLES IN TRISTAIN ARE TERRIFIED.





THEY
NICKNAMED
THE THIEF
"FOUQUET THE
SCULPTOR."

USES EARTH
ALCHEMY,
TURNING
STONE WALLS
TO DIRT.

APPARENTLY,
THE THIEF...

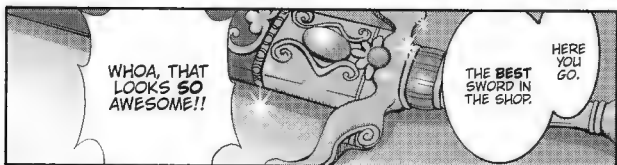


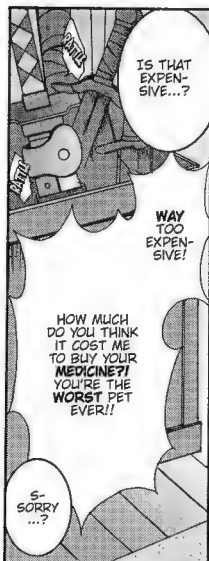
THIS
SWORD IS
STILL TOO
THIN.

WHAT-
EVER.

WRITTEN
ON THE WALL OF
EVERY
HOME HE
BURGLES.

FOUQUET
LEAVES AN
I.O.U.









All sales
final. No
returns or
exchanges

THANK
YOU--!

UGH!
LOUISE
TOOK HIM
OUT...

TO KEEP
HIM AWAY
FROM ME!!

WE HAVE
TO FIND
THEM!!

FOUND
THEM.

HUH?!
WHERE?

CENTRAL
PLAZA.

FWOOOSH













CLACK

THEY
MIGHT BE
VULNERABLE
TO PHYSICAL
ATTACKS...

HMM...
THE WALLS
OF THE
TREASURE
ROOM ARE
REALLY
THICK.

BUT SIMPLE
MAGIC DOESN'T
AFFECT THEM
AT ALL!

TSK!



WE DON'T
NEED IT!

HE
LIKES THE
SWORD I
BOUGHT
HIM.

SO JUST
ACCEPT IT
ALREADY!
LET HIM
USE IT!

I JUST
WANTED TO
GIVE SAITO
THE SWORD
HE REALLY
WANTED!

DON'T
BE SO
JEALOUS,
LOUISE
DE LA
VALLIÈRE!

JEALOUS?
NEVER!

GLARE

S-
SAITO!

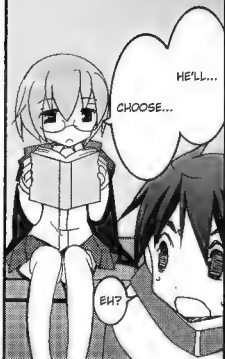
YOU
RETURN
THAT
SWORD
TO KIRCHE
THIS IN-
STANT!

REALLY?
I REALLY
THINK HE
PREFERS
MY SHINY
SWORD.

WOOW!
THIS IS AN
AWESOME
SWORD.

Aw, you're
breaking
my heart,
partner...









JEALOUS WOMEN
ARE
FRIGHTEN-
ING. CAN'T
HAVE IT
BOTH
WAYS.

!!HGAAYG



I'M
SORRY,
OKAY? I'LL
CHOOSE
ONE.

PLEASE
DON'T DO
THIS.



THIS IS THE
BEST WAY TO
FIND OUT!

I CON-
CUR!

WE SHOULD
HAVE DONE
THIS FROM
THE START!

NO, IT'S
NOT YOUR
FAULT.



I'LL GO FIRST!!

SAITO!
DON'T
MOVE!

ZOONOO!!

AGREED.

SAITO
WILL
USE THE
WINNER'S
SWORD.

THE FIRST
PERSON
WHO CUTS
THE ROPE
TO FREE
SAITO WINS.

HEY!

YOU'RE
GONNA
KILL
ME!

THEY HUNG
HIM ON
THE OUTER
WALL OF THE
TREASURE
ROOM. HOW
RIDICULOUS...

WHAT?!
NO!



MY SPELLS
DIDN'T
LEAVE A
MARK ON
THOSE
WALLS,
BUT HERS
CRACKED
IT.

UNBE-
LIEV-
ABLE...!
SUCH...
SUCH
POWER!

READY...

I MIGHT
BE ABLE
TO BREAK
THROUGH
THE
CRACKS
NOW.

TIP
TOE

LOOKS
LIKE THIS
IS MY
CHANCE.

OKAY,
MY TURN!

HERE I
GO...!♡





GAAAH?!

ROOOAAAAR!!

FIREBALL!!



**KA-
BOOM**

SWING







CRUMBLE



I WAS
FINALLY
ABLE TO
SLIP IN.

BUT
THANKS
TO YOU
CRACKING
THE WALL...



AND NOW
IT'S ALL
MINE...

THE
STAFF OF
DESTRUCTION!!

CRUMBLE

CRUMBLE

CRUMBLE

BUT
THANKS
TO YOU
CRACKING
THE WALL...

I WAS
FINALLY
ABLE TO
SLIP IN.

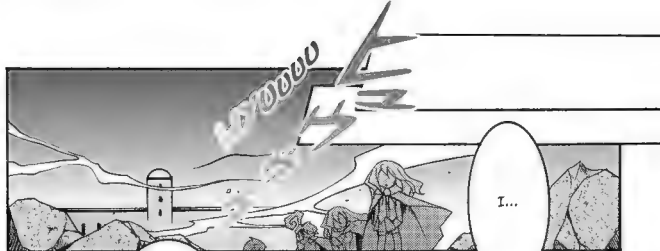


AND NOW
IT'S ALL
MINE...

THE
STAFF OF
DESTRUCTION!!

CRUMBLE

CRUMBLE











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